

DS/JKD/maw

25th April 2008

Dear Parent/Carer

In May your son/daughter will sit Key Stage 3 Standard Assessment Tests. The purpose of this letter is to provide practical information and guidance for you and your child. Please read it carefully. The examination table has been printed on the reverse of this letter so that it can be displayed at home.

- **HOW IMPORTANT ARE THESE TESTS?**

The idea behind these tests is to see how our young people perform in English, Mathematics and Science according to national standards. Please make sure that your son/daughter attends school during this period unless they are seriously unwell.

- **WHEN WILL WE KNOW THE RESULTS?**

The school will be notified of the results for Maths and Science in July and we shall publish these in the end of year reports. English results will not be released to schools until the summer holidays and so will be reported in September.

- **WHAT WILL THE RESULTS BE USED FOR?**

We shall take careful note of the students' results in these examinations. However, we shall also be very interested in their full years' work. All this information will be used to decide which sets to place your son or daughter in their next year. We shall also compare these results with the results our students obtained in their Key Stage 2 tests (taken in Year 6 at Primary School) and with CAT scores taken in Year 7. We shall be able to judge whether individuals are underperforming in relation to predictions based on earlier tests or whether they are exceeding expectations.

- **IS IT POSSIBLE TO REVISE FOR THESE TESTS?**

Yes, students will have been given advice about revision in lessons and they should have a clear idea of the format of the exams. Students should revise hard to achieve the best results possible.

- **TEACHER ASSESSMENT**

In addition to the SATs all pupils will be assessed by their teachers in their respective subjects. This will be done through the assessment of their work throughout Key Stage 3 and their performances in the end of year exams.

Yours faithfully

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TIMETABLE FOR S.A.T's

Date	Subject	Length	Venue	Time
Tuesday 06/05/08	Maths: Paper 1	1 hr	SH/AST	9.30 – 10.30 am
	Maths: Mental A	20 mins	SH	11.20 – 11.40 am
	Maths: Mental C	20 mins	SH	12.20 – 12.40 pm
	Maths: Paper 2	1 hr	SH/AST	2.20 – 3.20 pm
Wednesday 07/05/08	English: Paper 1	1 hr 15 mins	SH	9.30 – 10.45 am
	Maths: Mental B	20 mins	SH	2.30 – 2.50 pm
Thursday 08/05/08	English: Paper 2	1 hr 15 mins	SH	9.30 – 10.45 am
	English: Shakespeare	45 mins	SH	2.20 – 3.05 pm
Friday 09/05/08	Science: Paper 1	1 hr	SH	9.30 – 10.30 am
	Science: Paper 2	1 hr	SH	2.20 – 3.20 pm